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Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 16 September 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [redacted]

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General Smith:

b. Noted the item in today's Log concerning a proposal to establish a "National Security Lecture Series" and stated we did not have sufficient personnel to allow attendance at such lectures and our people could spend their time more profitably on the job. After some discussion wherein Mr. Becker noted that he had for study Matt Baird's proposal on this matter and would furnish his comments to the DCI, the Director asked Col. White to insure that this plan was brought to his attention for his consideration.

c. Referred to cable OUT 54083 discussed at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting and asked Mr. Wisner if this matter had been brought to his attention. Mr. Wisner stated that it had. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) it must be forcibly brought to the attention of the "technicians" that they have no authority to dispatch cables involving National policy unless prior approval had been received from the DCI and, in his absence from the city, the D/DCI; (2) if necessary, he would personally discuss his views on this matter with those concerned.

d. Referred to an outgoing cable to the [redacted] concerning Headquarters' views on [redacted] and stated while he believed he understood the contents of this cable there was a strong possibility that "the people on the other end might not" and, in fact, the cable in question either said too much or too little. Mr. Wisner noted he had not had an opportunity to review this message and undertook to do so.

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Mr. Dulles:

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

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c. Raised the question of the responsibility of disseminating PSB decisions made at the regular luncheons and noted that a case in point was the decision made concerning release of information on the forthcoming A-bomb tests to the AEC. The Director stated in this particular instance the information in question should be furnished the AEC by [redacted] since it involved a matter of National policy. (NOTE: Mr. Dulles undertook to discuss this with [redacted] and subsequently advised [redacted] had undertaken to forward the information in question to Mr. Gordon Dean.) In regard to dissemination of other decisions reached at PSB luncheons, the Director stated this should be the responsibility of either the Acting Chairman or the Director of PSB.

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d. Noted that he had seen Paul Hoffman [redacted] and they would be happy to have CIA brief their people going abroad. In this connection, Mr. Dulles also noted that Messrs. Hoffman [redacted] had offered to furnish us a list of their trainees [redacted] who might be prospective employees for CIA.

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Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted there would be no IAC meeting on 18 September.

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b. Reported that Larry Houston would attempt to see the judge trying the [Redacted] case before it went to court.

c. Reported that Governor Stevenson was briefed yesterday and he had indicated that the information was most valuable.

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